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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent to me on or before Wednesday, the 21st inst., or they will not be examined.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

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IS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR  
would be much obliged if all those Per-  
sons who have been instrumental in bringing  
about, or assisting, the advisability of holding an  
EXHIBITION in HONGKONG would meet  
him at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 19th  
instant, at 5 P.M., and give expression to their  
views on the subject.

Persons of all nationalities are invited to attend.

The main question for consideration is that of  
reward and money &c., what should be the amount of  
guarantees imposing it is decided to hold an  
Exhibition, and how the amount should be raised.

By Command

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [1354]

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

ENDERS FOR SPECIE, MEXICAN

DOLLARS, current in this Colony, and weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army & Navy Department, until II A.M. on MONDAY, the 19th inst.

The Tenders to state the total amount required in (Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than 2100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed, "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

WILLIAM L. BARRE, Colonel, Chief Paymaster, China.

Her Majesty's Treasury Office, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [1355]

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H. RUTTONJEE, 13, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong, 8th June, 1893. [1353]

FANCY FAIR AT MACAO.

IN THE Evening the ANNUAL FAIR will take place in Canton's Garden. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and returning from MACAO at 11 P.M.

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My dear Sirs—Signed communications that have appeared in other papers first will be inserted.

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*The Daily Press.*

HONGKONG, JUNE 16TH, 1893.

The transit pass and lekin question as it affects South China is again being actively canvassed, and a solution has been suggested which appears well worthy of consideration. The Convention negotiated by Sir Burroughs Alcock, but which was not ratified, provided that certain enumerated articles should pay both import duty and transit duty simultaneously at the time of importation, and that they should thereafter be exempt from all other taxes and charges whatsoever in Treaty port provinces. This provision did not find favour with the merchants of that day, because they had no faith that the proposed exemption from inland charges would be respected by the Chinese, and considered that the change would simply be equivalent to increasing the import duty from five to seven and a half per cent. without any corresponding advantage. At that time the pressure of the lekin tax, which is illegally levied on all goods, even though protected by transit pass, was not so acutely felt as it afterwards became and still continues. What the amount of that tax will be in any particular case can never be determined beforehand, and it is the uncertainty as well as the actual amount of the squeeze itself that renders it so burdensome to trade. According to the Tientsin notice, the N. C. Daily News says, giving the following personnel of the management of the North China Railway as ordered by H.E. Li Hung-chang, His Excellency's grandson on the female side of the house, Chang Ching-ching, Taotai, to be Director-General of the Imperial Railways, and the Director-General of the railways eastward to Shantung-shan, not the Great Wall into Manchuria. Chang Yen-kuo, Taotai also Chief Manager of the Tientsin Colliery at Kaiping, to be Director-General of the Commercial Railway, commanding from Tientsin through Tung-chou up to Kunming. The Director-General of the Imperial Railways, and the Director-General of the Viceroy, also a champion of the Viceroy, while the Assistant-Director-General of both Imperial and Commercial Railways is Wu Teng-fang, Taotai, known at Hongkong as N. C. Choy, who is supposed to keep an eye on the both departments.

Mrs. Creech, Lockwood and Son have been made the victims of an unblushing piece of piracy publishing by a Japanese firm belonging to Tokyo, who have not only repudiated under their own name a volume entitled "Lessons in Commerce," published in London last year, and including (as in its own words) "the whole of the present mercantile information of the world," but have reproduced on the title-page, Messrs. Lockwood's distinctive trademark, and have bound the volume in a fashion similar to the original. The Japanese counterfeited follows the English original line and also copies the latter in its distinctive type. And this production is put on sale in London, giving the impression that it is the first instance of the kind. The work in question (it is believed) has been adopted as English text-book in Japanese classes, other English publishers may do well to be on their guard against Japanese competitors who seek to appropriate the fruit of others' enterprise. The International Copyright Convention did not include the Japanese Government amongst the contracting parties—therefore.

The following letter has been received at the China, Island, Mission, Shanghai, from Mr. F. A. Stewart, 25th May.—"Since last we've had a good fall of rain which has cleared and satisfied every one—not even the farmers have had a complaint to make—all say they have had the right quantity. With the fall of rain farming began in earnest, everyone returning to get his in, and thus applying work for all. But the weather is still hot and humid, and the sun on the streets has been higher than it has been at any other time during the year. I have been giving over our relief work for the last two months and a half and find that we have distributed to 600 families 21 tons 13 cwt. 26 lbs. of grain or an average of 97 lbs. each, which, roughly speaking, cost £100. This has been given in small parcels to the people who have not been able to afford a regular receipt in 21 villages. We have tried to give enough to keep body and soul together, but in no case have we given enough to feed the family without their adding to it. On the other hand, those who received relief could pull through without selling wives or children. Some wives were in the market when we gave out, and they have to pay lekin. And in the Southern provinces the Chinese Authorities have succeeded in withholding almost entirely the benefit even of the transit pass, so that goods are subject to all sorts of charges en route and on arrival, the amount of which can never be calculated in advance. Cases have been verified in which goods which ought to have been entirely cleared by the payment of import duty and the transit duty, that is 7½ per cent. in all, have had to pay charges totalling 16 per cent. The suggestion which has been recently advanced for the amendment of this state of affairs comes to much the same thing as the agreement in Article III. of Sir Burroughs Alcock's Convention except as regards the amount. The Foreign Governments have practically conceded to China her right to levy lekin, and the tax is formally recognised in the Chefoo Convention. Illegal as it is, there appears no hope of getting rid of it, and it is therefore proposed that the single payment to free goods from all further charges should be fixed at an amount sufficient to include and cover lekin. At present, as we understand, the proposed arrangement only has reference to the Southern provinces. The idea is that

on goods landed at Canton there should be paid, in addition to the import duty collected by the Imperial Maritime Customs, six per cent. to the Lekin Office for an exemption certificate for the whole province, with an additional one or two per cent. if the goods are to be sent into other provinces. Thus in Kwangtung the total payment would be eleven per cent. instead of the uncertain amount levied at present, which on an average would probably not be covered by less than fifteen per cent. This would give a saving of four per cent. in taxation besides the saving of time, risk, and trouble which would be affected by the regularity of the collection and the removal of all attempts at squeezing. The objection urged against Sir Burroughs Alcock's Convention, that it would simply increase the import duty without in any degree diminishing inland taxation, is believed no longer to hold good, the working of the Opium Convention having shown that exemption from inland taxation can be secured by the means proposed. Guarantees of course would be insisted on and a period of trial would be provided for, so that if the arrangement should be found not to work well the previous state of affairs could be reverted to. The revenue collected through or behalf of the Lekin Office would go into the provincial and not the Imperial exchequer, and the Provincial Authorities are believed to be favourably disposed towards the proposed scheme.

The London Lyric Company presented on Tuesday evening at the Theatre Royal, the old but now popular play of "Pink Dominoes." There was not a crowded house, probably owing to the fact that the work of the Lekin Office was thought to be enjoyed.

The piece was repeated last night and this evening the Company will appear in "Aunt Jack" with which the public of Hongkong are not yet acquainted.

The comedy, we believe, is a very diverting one and will probably be a good house on both the nights it is on the boards.

The steamer *Ghase* left Singapore yesterday for Amoy.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 8.55 a.m. yesterday.

The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore at 8 a.m. yesterday for this port.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Company's steamer *Tacoma* sailed from Victoria, B.C., for this port on the 10th inst.

The following items are from the London and China Express of the 25th ult.

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## PROPOSED EXHIBITION IN CEYLON.

While the idea of holding an exhibition in Hongkong is in the air, the following remarks from the *Ceylon Observer*, will reflect some interest:—  
"The most natural idea has not been that was had already touched on that topic, in reminding us that the 15th February, 1882 will be the anniversary of the surrender of Colombo by the Dutch to the British, suggesting that it ought to be celebrated by a Ceylon Centenary exhibition. It is not physically made the same subject of general scarcely any notice."—  
One friend thinks that as February is the beginning of the hot season in Colombo, and a month when visitors from Europe return their thoughts westward, it would be best to open the exhibition in November, 1882 and close it by a suitable celebration of a grand festival on the anniversary date, 15th February. Another suggests that we should be likely to attract a great many who have been to Egypt and who with little persuasion, would book by steamers, for Colombo instead of Alexandria. This we think very probable, and also that visitors would attach the name of the Asian Colonies, as well as India, Europe and America. Steamer and Hotel Companies would, of course, be strong supporters of an exhibition movement and might be expected to contribute to the Expenses and Quarantine Funds for the same."

The first point, being a support, would be the agreement of Her Majesty on the application of the Home authorities to an exhibition being held at Colombo at the time suggested.

"The next would be found in the apportionment of Commissioners, who would have to decide, as a point of difficulty, the extent to which our present Show should be extended to cover other countries.

It could easily be made world-wide or international.

It would be an easy task to be admitted into all British Dependencies, appearing those who were willing to establish Courts of their own in a Ceylon Show. The more feasible way would be to take the precedent of Jamaica, and postpone the exhibition to that port, as well as to the cities of the Americas, and to the ports of the West Indies, and to the cities which are especially interested in Ceylon and her exports. India, the Straits, and Hongkong, and, so far as I am aware, the Australian Colonies would no doubt have Courts, as well as the mother country, and we should hope on a certain scale, the United States. How far our Commissioners could go in this respect, the English Government would have to be a master for careful consideration. There is of course a great deal of arrangement, correspondence, and preparation, covering many months, requisite in the case of an exhibition of this kind, and there is no time to spare.

For a Show to open in November, 1882, the earliest certainty, the end of 1884 would be required to allow time for a Ceylon Commission to work.

Mr. G. M. and Mr. G. M. Commissioners,

